

EC-9201. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report relative to the obligations and outlays of fiscal year 2004, fiscal year 2005, and fiscal year 2006 funds under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief through March 31, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9202. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to efforts made by the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies to employ an adequate number of Americans during 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9203. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 06-258-06-270); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9204. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the petition filed on behalf of workers from the Los Alamos National Laboratory requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9205. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the petition filed on behalf of workers from the S-50 Oak Ridge Thermal Diffusion Plant requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9206. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9207. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the petition filed on behalf of workers from the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies Cancer Research Hospital requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9208. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, United States Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Security Guards and Patrol Services Industry" (RIN3245-AF28) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-9209. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, United States Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Surety Bond Guarantee Program" (RIN3245-AE81) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-9210. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a preliminary report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Transportation Security Administration; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9211. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil

Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the California Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9212. A communication from the President, Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, transmitting, a request for clarification relative to the requirements for annual reports; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9213. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9214. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9215. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9216. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Committee's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9217. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9218. A communication from the Associate Director for Human Resources, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to all employees hired by the Agency during the periods October 2004 through September 2005 and October 2005 through September 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9219. A communication from the President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the Corporation's audit and investigative activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9220. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9221. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report summarizing the Board's activities and accomplishments from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9222. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report for the period ending September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9223. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review

Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Program Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9224. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's semiannual report on the Board's actions for the period April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9225. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Report to accompany S. 2803, a bill to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve the safety of mines and mining (Rept. No. 109-365).

Report to accompany S. 3570, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-366).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

\*Diane Humetewa, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring August 25, 2012.

\*Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

\*Paul Cherecwich, Jr., of Utah, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009.

\*Deborah L. Wince-Smith, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2010.

\*Dean A. Pinkert, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2015.

\*Irving A. Williamson, of New York, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2014.

\*Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008.

\*Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2012.

\*Dana K. Bilyeu, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2010.

\*Phillip L. Swagel, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Anthony W. Ryan, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Robert F. Hoyt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

By Ms. SNOWE for the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

\*Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. 4083. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of quality measures by hospitals in order to reduce medication errors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 4084. A bill to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 4085. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rate of the excise tax on certain wooden arrows; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 4086. A bill to improve data collection efforts with respect to the safety of pregnant women and unborn children in motor vehicle crashes, provide for research and development of appropriate countermeasures, educate the public regarding motor vehicle safety risks affecting pregnant women and unborn children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 4087. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 4088. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 4089. A bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 4090. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-

ance Act to authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse State and local law enforcement agencies for any expenditures or compensation of personnel and use or consumption of materials and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 4091. A bill to provide authority for restoration of the Social Security Trust Funds from the effects of a clerical error, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 4092. A bill to clarify certain land use in Jefferson County, Colorado; considered and passed.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VITTER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 4093. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend a suspension of limitation on the period for which certain borrowers are eligible for guaranteed assistance; considered and passed.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 4094. A bill to extend the period in which States may spend funds from the additional allotments provided to States under the Social Services Block Grant program for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 4095. A bill to extend the period in which the State of Louisiana may spend funds from the additional allotment provided to the State under the Social Services Block Grant program for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 4096. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to operate and maintain as a system the Chicago sanitary and ship canal dispersal barriers to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species into the Great Lakes, and to determine the feasibility of a dispersal barrier project at the Lake Champlain Canal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 4097. A bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 4098. A bill to improve the process for the development of needed pediatric medical devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. Res. 624. A resolution to honor the memory of Arnold "Red" Auerbach; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 625. A resolution extending the authority for the Senate National Security Working Group; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

S. 1915

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 2465

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2465, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 3238

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3238, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

S. 3556

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3556, a bill to clarify the rules of origin for certain textile and apparel products.

S. 3677

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3677, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the in the home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs.

S. 3744

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 3744, a bill to establish